

Watkins Pre-Release

Faith Based Addiction Treatment Program

In 2005, the South Carolina Department of Corrections received funding to begin a Faith Based Addiction Treatment Program. It was determined that this program would be housed at Watkins Pre-Release Center. In January 2006, the South Carolina Department of Corrections solicited for a proposal for the provision of alcohol and drug services. In March of 2006 an award for services was made to the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services and the Central Assembly Church of God. The program uses the principles of the Christian faith, to help individuals addicted to drugs.

On June 1, 2006 there were 56 offenders admitted to the program. Offenders participating in the program are involved in alcohol and drug education with community reintegration services for 60 days. A graduation for thirty of the initial participants was held on July 31, 2006 at Watkins Pre-Release Center.